

Having thus described the invention, it is claimed:

1. An apparatus for holding and transporting tubes, comprising:  
a tube holder having an elongated body with at least one fluid collection sleeve thereon for receiving and retaining at least one fluid collection tube; and,  
at least one sample retriever sleeve thereon for receiving and retaining a sample retriever tube.
2. The apparatus of claim 1, further including at least one needle system sleeve thereon for receiving and retaining a needle system tube.
3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said at least one fluid collection sleeve includes a first diameter;  
said at least one sample retriever sleeve includes a second diameter; and,  
said first diameter less than said second diameter.
4. The apparatus of claim 1, further including a first member and a second member for retaining a securing band therebetween.
5. The apparatus of claim 1, further including a protective guard connected to a side of said holder;  
said guard includes at least one fluid collection opening therethrough; and,

said at least one fluid collection opening aligned with said at least one fluid collection sleeve for receiving and retaining said at least one fluid collection tube.

6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said guard is hingedly connected to said side of said holder.

7. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said guard includes an outwardly projecting rim extending along at least one edge.

8. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said guard is comprised of flexible material.

9. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said at least first opening is axially aligned with said at least first sleeve when said guard is orthogonal to said holder.

10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said body includes a hole therethrough proximal to an end for hanging said tube holder.

11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said body includes an identification area for documenting information.

12. An apparatus for holding and transporting tubes, comprising:

a tube holder having at least one fluid collection sleeve thereon for receiving and retaining at least one fluid collection tube; and,

said tube holder including a first member and a second member for retaining a securing band therebetween.

13. The apparatus of claim 12, further including at least one sample retriever sleeve thereon for receiving and retaining a sample retriever tube.

14. The apparatus of claim 13, further including at least one needle system sleeve thereon for receiving and retaining a needle system tube.

15. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said at least one fluid collection sleeve includes a first diameter;

said at least one sample retriever sleeve includes a second diameter; and,

said first diameter less than said second diameter.

16. The apparatus of claim 12, further including a protective guard connected to a side of said holder;

said guard includes at least one fluid collection opening therethrough; and,

said at least first opening aligned with said at least one fluid collection sleeve for receiving and retaining said at least one fluid collection tube.

17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said guard is hingedly connected to said side of said holder.

18. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said guard includes an outwardly projecting rim extending along at least one edge.

19. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said guard is comprised of flexible material.

20. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein said at least first opening is axially aligned with said at least first sleeve when said guard is orthogonal to said holder.

21. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said body includes a hole therethrough proximal to an end for hanging said tube holder.

22. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said body includes an identification area for documenting information.

23. An apparatus for holding and transporting tubes, comprising:  
a tube holder having at least one fluid collection sleeve thereon;  
a protective guard connected to a side of said holder;  
said guard including at least one fluid collection opening therethrough; and,

said at least one fluid collection opening aligned with said at least one fluid collection sleeve for receiving and retaining at least one fluid collection tube.

24. The apparatus of claim 23, further including at least one sample retriever sleeve thereon for receiving and retaining a sample retriever tube.

25. The apparatus of claim 24, further including at least one needle system sleeve thereon for receiving and retaining a needle system tube.

26. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said at least one fluid collection sleeve includes a first diameter;

said at least one sample retriever sleeve includes a second diameter; and,  
said first diameter less than said second diameter.

27. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein said tube holder includes a first member and a second member for retaining a securing band therebetween.

28. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein said guard is hingedly connected to said side of said holder.

29. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein said guard includes an outwardly projecting rim extending along at least one edge.

30. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein said body includes a hole therethrough proximal to an end for hanging said tube holder.

31. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein said guard is comprised of flexible material.

32. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein said at least one fluid collection opening is axially aligned with said at least one fluid collection sleeve when said guard is orthogonal to said holder.

33. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein said body includes an identification area for documenting information.

34. A method of collecting fluid samples from a donor comprising the steps of:  
mounting a tube holder to a donor's arm, said tube holder includes at least one fluid collection sleeve thereon for receiving and retaining at least one fluid collection tube, said tube holder is moveable about the arm;

moving said at least one fluid collection tube toward a depositing needle, said needle is in communication with the fluid sample;

filling said at least one fluid collection tube with the fluid sample; and,

moving said at least one fluid collection tube away from said depositing needle.

35. The method of claim 34, further comprising the steps of:
- rotating said tube holder about the donor's arm;
  - moving at least a second fluid collection tube toward said depositing needle;
  - filling said at least second fluid collection tube with the fluid sample; and,
  - moving said at least second fluid collection tube away from said depositing needle.
36. The method of claim 35, further comprising the steps of:
- dismounting said tube holder from the donor's arm; and,
  - documenting donor information onto an identification area.